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SUBJECT: FURTHER MEDIA REACTION TO PIPELINE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. CONTINUING COVERAGE OF PIPELINE NEGOTIATIONS IN
AUGUST 30 MORNING GAPERS (TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL AND
MONTREAL GAZETTE) EMPHASIZED LIKELY SUCCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS.
GLOBE AND MAIL REPORT SAID THAT DESPITE CONFLICT OVER
SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT MITIGATION FUND (ACCORDING TO REEORT
U.S. NEGOTIATORS WANT CANADA TO BORROW DOLS 200 MILLION
FROM U.S. TO FINANCE FUND AND CANADIANS INSIST ON THEIR
ORIGINAL COMPROMISE PROPOSAL THAT PIPELINE CONSORTIUM
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PRE-PAY PROPERTY TAXES FOR FUND DURING INITIAL STAGE OF
PROJECT), "SOURCES IN OTTAWA AND WASHINGTON AGREE THAT AN
AGREEMENT IS VERY NEAR "ON CANADIAN-U.S. CO-OPERATION ON
PROPOSED ALASKA HIGHWAY GAS PIPELINE. SUFFICIENT PROGRESS
HAS BEEN MADE ON RESOLUTION OF MAJOR POINTS, REPORT SAID,
THAT "THIS WEEK'S NEGOTIATING SESSION IN OTTAWA BETWEEN
PRIVY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ALLAN MACEACHEN AND U.S' ENERGY

CHIEF JAMES SCHLWQSINGER COULD BE THE LAST ONE NECESSARY BEFORE SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 7 PIPELINE ANNOUNCEMENT" BY PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. PRESS REPORTS ALSO SPECULATED THAT PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER TO ATTEND SIGNING OF PANAMA CANAL TREATY IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7, IS SIGN THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED AND PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF TRANS-CANADA ROUTE AT THAT TIME.

3. BRIEF ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE PARALLELED NEWSPAPER REPORTS. ENDERS

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